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RUDOLPH, THE FREEWAY RESCUE DOG, GETS ADOPTED IN TIME FOR THE NEW YEAR!

Baldwin Park, CA... He lived on the center divider of the 10 Freeway and knew the lay of the land, but apparently unaware of the dangers of living next to speeding cars racing by. We're talking about the 2 year-old male, Pit Bull mix who County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) officers rescued from the median area on the 10 freeway two weeks ago. Animal care staff named him Rudolph in light of the holiday season. DACC is now happy to report that Rudolph, (now *Rudy* for short), was adopted into a new home on New Year's Eve!

"It was great news when we heard Rudolph was officially adopted and taken to his new home," said Marcia Mayeda, Director of DACC. "Although a bit shy at first, he was very kind and gentle, especially when he visited with his new owner," said Lance Hunter, Shelter Manager for the County Animal Care Center in Baldwin Park.

On December 21, 2011, County animal control officials received a request for assistance from the CHP for a dog jumping the center divider, running through traffic and reportedly living on the center median area, which is under construction. A rescue operation ensued at 1pm, and animal control officers were able to safely rescue the dog in just a few minutes.

"Rudolph was a bit of a rock star at our Baldwin Park animal care center! His living conditions were pretty tough on the streets, so the staff and volunteers were happy to spoil him while he was with us," Mayeda stated.

DACC officials caution against anyone attempting to catch a stray animal on or near a freeway. Motorists are asked to contact the California Highway Patrol if they see an animal on the freeway.

For more information about animal care and control or to view adoptable animals online, visit our website <http://www.animalcare.lacounty.gov> or visit our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/CountyofLosAngelesAnimalCare>.



Rudy, the rescued dog.



Rudy ready to go home!